

## Family history research on William York, Aytonian baptised in 1809 at All Saints Church Great Ayton

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Revd. Paul Perverell received a letter from a Mr Yorke, who is 80 years old and has just bought his first computer, and is beginning to research his family's history. He was requesting information about his GGG-father, a **William Yorke**, who was baptised in the village in 1809.

The request was passed onto me and fortunately within the Great Ayton parish records we were able to discover more information about GGG-father William with roughly 2 hours computer work.

### *What did the baptismal record tell us?*

William was a twin with sister Mary, twin children of Thomas and Ann York, baptised January 1st 1809 and the father's occupation was tanner. The Yorke surname seems to be used equally with or without the e.

Next to *marriage records* for William's parents Thomas York, Ayton, and Anne Watson, Ayton on January 1st 1788, married by Rev. Hastwell with witnesses John Watson, Elizabeth York and Elizabeth Watson.

### Searches of *baptismal records* for other children of Thomas and Anne yields William's siblings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Baptismal Date</u>	<u>Father's occup.</u>
John	Aug 12 1788	Tanner
Hannah	July 12 1796	Not recorded
Ann	Nov 6 1798	Tanner
Elizabeth*	July 12 1801	Skinner
Elizabeth	Jan 3 1803	Skinner
Thomas	Sept 10 1805	Skinner
<b>William</b> and Mary	Jan 1 1809	Tanner

\*The Parish burial records record this Elizabeth as being buried on Nov 24 1801, ~ 4 months old

The parents of Thomas (William's father) were Thomas Yorke from Bilsdale and Hannah Jackson from Ayton married Nov 26 1747 at Ayton.

### *Which Hannah Jackson married Tomas Yorke of Bilsdale?*

There were three baptisms of Hannah Jacksons early to mid-1770s in Ayton:

Hannah Jackson daughter of Thomas Jackson	Aug 21 1725
Hannah Jackson daughter of Lawrence Jackson	April 28 1742
Hannah Jackson daughter of James Jackson	Nov 11 1742

Of these three Hannah Jackson the one baptised in 1725 is very likely the mother of Thomas (William's father) who married Thomas Yorke from Bilsdale on Nov 26 1747 at Ayton.

They had 9 children:

Hannah	bap 1750	died 1754;
Thomas	bap 1751	died 1752
Mary	bap 1753	
Hannah (the 2nd)	bap 1760	
Robert	bap 1758	
Elizabeth	bap 1763	
<b>Thomas</b>	bap 1766	married 1788 aged ~ 22
John	bap 1771	died 1776